



Howling Halloween Safety Tips

From Contra Costa Animal Services



Halloween can be fun for all family members, both two legged and four legged. Taking some precautionary steps can make Halloween safe for everyone. Here are some common sense tips to protect you & your pet on Halloween:

Don't leave your pet in the yard on Halloween: There are many stories of pranksters who have teased, injured, stolen or even killed pets on this particular night.. Should any of this take place, be sure to contact your local police department and an Animal Services Officer @ 335-8300.

Trick or Treat candies are not for pets: Chocolate is poisonous to a lot of animals, and tin foil and cellophane candy wrappers can be hazardous if swallowed. If you fear that your pet has ingested chocolate or any other poisonous substance call your Veterinarian immediately or the Animal Poison Control Center at



(888) 426-4435



Be careful of pets around a lit pumpkin: Pets can knock it over and cause a fire. Curious kittens especially can run the risk of getting burned.

Don't dress your pets in costumes, unless you know they love it:

Otherwise, it puts a lot of stress on the animal.

If you do dress up your pet in a costume, make sure the costume is not constricting, annoying or unsafe. Be careful not to obstruct their vision.

Even the sweetest of pets can get snappy if they cannot see what is going on around them.

Consider secluding your pets in a quiet room away from the Halloween activities:

This will ensure that your pets do not panic when bell ringing from trick or treaters begins, nor will they become threatened or aggressive at the sight of costumed, little people.

(Halloween is a night you may consider having your pet in a kennel for extra precautionary measures disallowing them from darting out the door!)

Some Humane organizations fear that certain pets, primarily black cats, are at risk of becoming unwilling participants in the darker side of Halloween activities.

Pet Owners: Please keep a close eye on your pets and others on Halloween night.

